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Attention: Examiner Brian C. Genco
Art Unit: 2615

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Re: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD**
U.S. Application No.: 09/988,994
Attorney Docket No.: 500.40886X00

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the attached "Amendment" (22 pgs) in the above-identified application.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION:

I hereby certify that the attached "Amendment" (22 pgs) prepared in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 26) dated on June 3, 2004, is being formally filed in the USPTO via Group 2615; Examiner Brian C. Genco; Facsimile No. 703-872-9306 on **August 31, 2004.**


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 26) dated on June 3, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.